

**RESPONSE TO THE MERSEYSIDE WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
DOCUMENT (WDPD) CONSULTATION**
WDA/02/09

Recommendation

That:

1. Members approve the tabled response prepared by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority in relation to the Merseyside Waste Development Planning Document (WDPD) Consultation.

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Report of the Director

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider the response prepared by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority to the Merseyside Waste Development Planning Document (WDPD) Consultation.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Waste DPD is being prepared by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) on behalf of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral Councils. The Waste Disposal Authority along with the Councils mentioned will be consultees on the Document. It is a statutory requirement to plan for all types of new waste facilities. The agreed approach is to do this sub-regionally as it reduces costs and planning risk and is also appropriate to the scale of the waste management challenge.
- 2.2 The Waste DPD will become the statutory land use plan to guide future development of all new waste management and treatment facilities across Merseyside and Halton – this will include commercial and industrial as well as household waste facilities. Final adoption of the Waste DPD is currently scheduled to be completed in 2011. The Waste DPD is not only concerned with treatment and disposal but will encourage the beneficial re-use, recycling and reprocessing of waste into valuable resources

3. Report Body

- 3.1 Public consultation on the Spatial Strategy and Sites Report (a key part of the development of the Waste Planning Document) runs from 17th November 2008 to 16th January 2009. Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority has prepared a response to the consultation which is tabled for Members consideration at this meeting.

3.2 The Director has compiled a draft formal consultation response and seeks comment from Members. Thereafter, it is proposed that delegated authority be granted to the Director, in consultation with the Chairman, to submit the final Authority response by the 16th January 2009 consultation deadline. Members are reminded that each of their constituent Councils also have an opportunity to respond to the consultation on an individual District basis.

4. Risk Implications

There are no Risk implications associated with this report.

5. HR Implications

There are no HR implications.

6. Environmental Implications

There are no Environmental implications.

7. Financial Implications

There are no Financial implications

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 Members are asked to comment on the tabled draft response to the Merseyside Waste Development Planning Document Consultation response in so much as it relates to the works and strategy of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority.
- 8.2 Members are asked to delegate the formulation of a final response to the Spatial Strategy and Sites Report (a key part of the the development of the Waste Planning Document) to the Director following consultation with all Members. The response to be submitted by 16th January 2009.

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The background documents to this report are open to inspection in accordance with Section 100D of The Local Government Act 1972 - Nil.